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Ulchi Focus Lens '06 Success

1. Congratulations to everyone -- Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, contractors and civilians -- for making this year's Ulchi Focus Lens exercise a great success! This combined and joint exercise took tremendous planning, preparation and leadership involvement from all participants to ensure each facet was well-executed. I greatly appreciate the hard work and effort that everyone put into the exercise in order to make this all work to standard.
2. This year's UFL -- the 32nd iteration of this command post exercise dating back to 1975 -- enabled our Korean and US military leaders to sustain and improve our joint and combined warfighting capability. US personnel -- Active, National Guard and Reserve -- from all Services established warfighting headquarters and supporting apparatus in Korea, the United States and other locations, as well as afloat. Again, thank you. Over the past six months, we've worked hard to integrate an effects-based approach to our operations, to enforce collaborative planning at echelon, and to refine our understanding of the complexities associated with joint and combined logistics in support of offensive / expeditionary operations. As this year's exercise comes to an end, I'm confident that Combined Forces Command and our other subordinate headquarters are fully capable of meeting our alliance deterrence commitments, and defending the Republic of Korea against external aggression if necessary.
3. I want to especially acknowledge and thank our great ROK partners who once again stood shoulder-to-shoulder with us to make this exercise a success. I know the future of our alliance remains bright because of the talented and dedicated ROK leaders who expertly support CFC and who valiantly defend their great nation.
4. Importantly, this has been an enormously successful exercise because of everyone's focus on safety. Let's not lose that momentum -- maintain that same commitment to safety as you re-deploy to your installation, off-peninsula duty station, or return home. Once again, thank you all for your hard work and personal sacrifice. It has paid off. We go together! Katchi Kapshida!

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